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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified patent application, applicant requests entry of the following amendments to present for examination claims to certain embodiments and/or features.

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice.

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Please add new claims 21-34 as follows:

--21. A table saw comprising:

a frame including a table defining a work surface;

a rotatable blade supported by the frame and extendable up through the work

surface to cut a workpiece on the work surface;

a motor to drive the blade;

a detection system configured to detect a dangerous condition between a person and the blade; and